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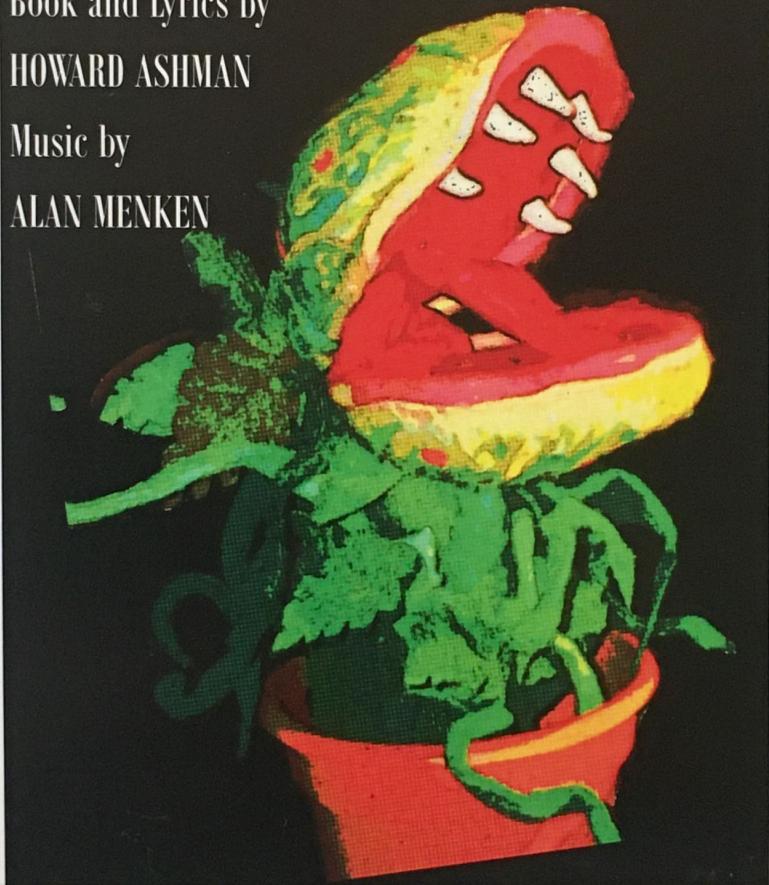
Little Shop of HORRORS

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DIRECTED BY ERIC BULTMAN

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Based on the film by Roger Corman, Screenplay by Charles Griffith
Originally produced by the APW Theatre
(Kyle Renick, Producing Director)

Originally produced at the Orpheum Theatre, New York City by the
WPA Theatre, David Geffen, Cameron Mackintosh, and the Shubert
Organization

CAST

Chiffon.....Cierra Stewart
Crystal.....Briana Dinkins
Ronnette.....Shayna Wickens
Mushnik.....David R. Brown
Audrey.....Juli Clark
Seymour.....Will Baker
Derelict.....Adriel Dizon
Orin.....Cristian-Paul Badiu
BernsteinAdriel Dizon
Snip.....Diane Garrick
LuceJoanna Thursby
Audrey II(Puppeteer).Thomas Madray
Audrey II(Voice).....Mark Hightower

MUSICIANS

Keyboards.....Linda Beck
Guitar.....Dave Auerbach
Bass.....Kevin Jarvis
Percussion.....Jay Shealy

PRODUCTION NOTES

Director.....Eric Bultman
Stage Manager.....Carmela Bryan
Ann Beaty
Choreographer.....Chylene Burdick
Scenic Artist.....Randy Abbott
Set Design.....Michael Duffy
Set Construction.....Randy Abbott
Ann Beaty, Carmela Bryan, Michael Duffy,
Mike Gibbs, Kim Harrelson, Kendall Van
Sickle, Mark Van Sickle, Ryan Gibbs,
Christopher Gibbs
Backstage Crew.....Ann Beaty,
Heather Turner, Kendall Van Sickle,
Mark Van Sickle
Puppet Design & Construction.....Heidi Adler,
Marge Cowles, Michael Duffy, Sylvia Pickell,
Peter Wilson
Costumes.....Marge Cowles
Sylvia Pickell
Properties.....Heidi Adler,
Ann Beaty, Carmela Bryan, Sylvia Pickell
Sheri Pickell, Kendall Van Sickle
Light Board Operator.....Michael Gibbs
Sound Technician.....Michael Bacon
Poster Design.....Sumer Jarvis
SLT Photographer.....Phil Lackey
LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS
as originally
Directed by Howard Ashman with
Musical Staging by Edie Cowan

CAST NOTES

William Baker (Seymour) had his debut at SLT with *A Christmas Bus* in 2007. He is an English major just transferring from the College of Charleston and hopes to be an English professor and writer. His past productions include *Too Soon for Daises* and *Hamlet*.

Julian Clark (Audrey) is performing in her second production with SLT. She is a senior at Sumter High School and plans to pursue musical theatre when she graduates.

Cierra Stewart (Chiffon) is a student at Crestwood High School has been in over 10 productions in her young life and has been singing and acting since she was very small. She says this will definitely not be her last production with SLT. **Briana Dinkins** (Crystal) is in her first production at SLT. She is a singer in several choirs with Crestwood High School. She loves singing and acting and cannot wait to be in another production with SLT.

Shayna Wickens (Ronnette) is a member of Crestwood High School and has done several plays throughout her life with choir and church but finds this experience to be amazing. She says working with "older" people is a very different experience and loves the cast and has enjoyed every second of being in Little Shop.

David R. Brown (Mushnik) has had many roles at SLT including Willy Lowman, Atticus Finch, Fagin, Norman Thayer, Narrator of *A Christmas Story*, and 1/2 of the Greater Tuna characters. David directed SLT's *Crimes of the Heart* in 1997 and *A Bad Year for Tomatoes* in 2007. David is married to Joni Mabry Brown, one of SLT's music directors, and is the Purchasing Coordinator for Sumter School District 2.

Adriel Dizon (Bernstein) is a recent graduate of USC and is aspiring to medical school in the fall. He is an accomplished pianist, ballroom dancer, and is adept at making balloon animals. He enjoys long walks on the beach and his sign is Libra. Previous SLT productions include *Fiddler on the Roof* and *The Music Man*. **Cristian Badiu** (Orin) is grateful to have this opportunity to exorcise another demon on the SLT stage like he has in the past in *Death of a Salesman* and *Fiddler on the Roof*. He considers this his scripted practice for the time when he plays pretend with his son.

Diane Garrick (Snip) is happy to be returning for her fourth performance with SLT. She is the Office Manager at United Ministries of Sumter County, a professional flutist, and a board-certified Music Therapist. She lives in Sumter with her husband their three children and 5 pets.

Joanna Thursby (Luce) is new to Sumter and is excited to be in her first SLT production. Previous theatrical productions include Aunt March in *Little Women* and Yente in *Fiddler on the Roof*, and Ludmila in *The Battered Bride and Mrs. Trapes* at the University of Washington Opera.

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Mark Hightower (Audrey II voice) is currently the Sumter High School Choral Director and is very involved in theatre and the arts in Sumter. He has never been to Nova Scotia on a Harley like Linda Beck but lives life by a simple yet ruthless creed, "Must be blood and it must be fresh!"

Thomas Madray (Puppeteer) is performing for the first time with SLT but has been involved in shows with Sumter High School including *Urinetown* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. He is majoring in theatre and plans to do theatre forever and ever amen. He is manning the giant plant puppet and wants you to look for his in the flesh walk on stage as a nasty coughing hobo.

Jay Shealy (Drummer) has been playing drums since he was a child and has performed with many ensembles, bands, and theatre productions such as *GiGi*, *Oklahoma*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Winnie the Pooh*, and *The Music Man* to name a few. He resides in Sumter with his wife Vickie and they have two sons: Josh at Clemson and Grey at USC. **Kevin Jarvis** (Bass) is a founding member of the original art-rock band Farpoint as well as sound man and acoustic guitarist for The Sumter First Church of God praise band. This is his first performance in a play at SLT but he has assisted with various sound related projects for the theatre over the past several years. He is grateful for this opportunity and to work with such a talented band and cast.

Linda Beck (Keyboard) is the current and a very busy Chorus Teacher at Furman Middle School and has produced musicals with several district two schools. She is also the choir director/pianist at Swan Lake Presbyterian. She has never been to Europe and toured like Mark Hightower but when she grows up she wants to be a Superstar! **Dave Auerbach** (Guitar) is a guitar instructor full-time and has played in numerous bands. He studied music at the Musicians Institute in California and graduated from there in 1996 with a guitar emphasis.

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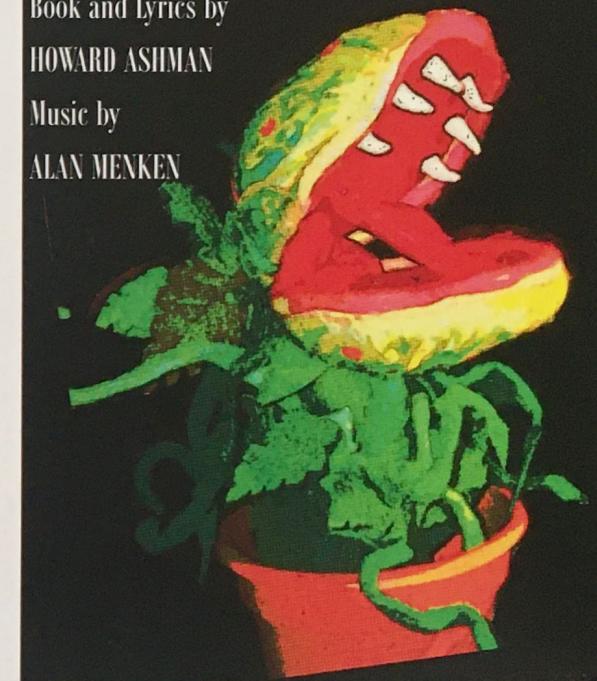
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